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FOR: INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND :  
PROCESSING METHOD, AND  
INFORMATION STORAGE MEDIUM

**PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A)(3)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants herein petition the Commissioner to invoke his supervisory authority to compel the Examiner to consider the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 10, 2001.

The Information Disclosure Statement, in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, was filed on July 10, 2001, together with the International Search Report of February 6, 2001. The above-referenced application has now been allowed. References AS and AT cited in the Information Disclosure Statement were denied consideration by the Examiner on June 23, 2008.

37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3) allows petition to invoke the supervisory authority of the Commissioner in appropriate circumstances. The Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98 since the references cited therein were listed as being relevant on the International Search Report. A copy of the previously submitted page in English of the International Search Report listing these references is attached. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 be granted and that the

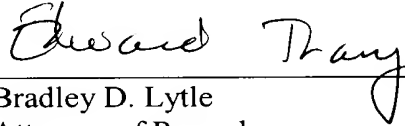
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Reply to Notice of Allowability of May 19, 2008

Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 10, 2001, and the references AS and AT cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/07973

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> G10K15/02, G06F17/60, G11B20/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
Int.Cl<sup>7</sup> G10K15/02, 15/04

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched  
Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1922-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2001  
Kokai Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1971-2001 Jitsuyo Shinan Toroku Koho 1996-2001

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
JICST FILE (JOIS), INSPEC (DIALOG), WPI (DIALOG),  
IEEE Electronic Library Online

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	Nikkei Electronics, Vol.739, "Kogata Memory Card de Ongaku Chosakuken wo mamoru," 22 March, 1999 (22.03.99), pp.49-53	1-21
A	Nikkei Electronics, Vol.738, "Ongaku Haishin matta nashi," 08 March, 1999 (08.03.99), pp.87-111	1-21

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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Date of the actual completion of the international search  
25 January, 2001 (25.01.01)

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